Washington D C
March 4th 1890

Mrs J C Booth
Haverford College Pa

My dear Madam

Since the receipt of your
letter of the 22d ultimo I have
been trying to secure subject to
your approval a good and
reliable Attorney to take charge
of your claim before Congress
but they all ask such a heavy
percentage of the claim in case
of success that with so just a
case it simply looks like
robbery to me. Several of
the Attorneys to whom I applied
wanted 50% others 40% and
some did not care to take it at

these fegures as it was a small
claim. Mr Henry M Baker
was the most reasonable one
I met with he was at first willing
to take it for 33%. but finally
got him to agree to pay to take
it for 25%. of course he gets
nothing except in case of success
Mr Baker address is 1419 H
St N.W he is thoroughly
reliable and stands very high
with business men here. You can
either Communicate with him direct
or I can have him draw up the
necessary papers of agreement (in
case you decide to engage him
to ~~pro~~ take Charge of the case)
and send them to you for the
proper signatures. I do not
believe you can do any better

than to employ Mr Baker.
It is important that you should
decide this at my early date
so that he may get to work
with as little delay as possible.

Very Truly

R. C. Preston

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Mr. R. E. Preston